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The City of Winnipeg's new 311 mobile app is breaking ground in North America.

Steve Carter, senior director of public sector accounts for KANA, the company that provides the software for the city's 311 service, said the app launched Tuesday is the first to fully integrate a mobile application with the software currently used at a 311 call centre.

"We expect a lot of other cities will follow Winnipeg," said Carter, adding Vancouver, Toronto and Ottawa use KANA's Lagan 311 software.

Jeff Browaty, deputy mayor and North Kildonan councillor, said the city's 311 service has taken more than eight million calls since its inception in 2009 and the app is the "next logical step."

step."
"It puts the power to report things right in the palms of people's hands. You no longer need to sit on hold," said Browaty

"You can actually go out and take a picture of a pothole in the street, use the GPS on your enabled device and submit it directly to 311.

"We expect that more cit-

izens will report issues, like graffiti on city property, that they might not have taken the time to log before."

Carter said the picture feature is also beneficial to city crews, since they can see what equipment they'll need before heading out to make repairs.

Melanie Swenarchuk, 311 contact centre manager, said the app likely won't mean fewer 311 calls. Instead it will appeal to a younger demographic.

Carter said the app is currently available for iPhone and Android, with versions for BlackBerry and Windows phone to come later this year.

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\$4.5 million loss

Hospital snacks a money-loser: Taxpayers group

Manitoba hospitals are losing millions of dollars selling snacks, the Canadian Taxpayers Federation says.

Colin Craig, director for Manitoba and Saskatchewan, says documents obtained through freedom of information show the hospital cafeterias have lost \$4.5 million since 2010.

Craig says the province could have saved that cash instead of hiking the provincial sales tax by one percentage point.

Craig says one of the exceptions is Victoria General Hospital, which partnered with a private business to run its cafeteria and made \$25,000 last year.

ManyFest

It's a food-truck grub match

Downtown Winnipeg is set for some rumbling during the first Food Trucks War.

The new event is being added to the third-annual Downtown BIZ ManyFest from Sept. 6 to 8.

"Winnipeggers are in for a treat at this year's ManyFest," Stefano Grande, executive director of the Downtown BIZ, said in a press release. "Many-Fest is one of Winnipeg's biggest downtown street parties, and is another opportunity to celebrate and be proud of our city."

Details on the Food Trucks War and the rebranding of Broadway to "ManyFest Way" will be shared during a press conference on Wednesday.

Merv Tweed. Resignation puts spotlight on lobbying rules: Ethics watchdog

Democracy Watch is raising questions about rules that allowed Manitoba Tory MP Merv Tweed to be appointed president of a railway on the same day he resigned as an MP.

Tweed joined Omnitrax Canada Inc. on Monday, just hours after resigning from the Commons.

Tyler Sommers of Democracy Watch says under federal rules Tweed could immediately lobby his former government

colleagues on behalf of his new employers. Sommers says that wouldn't be possible if Ottawa had implemented recommendations from the House Ethics Committee in May 2012 that former politicians be prohibited from lobbying government right after they resign.

Omnitrax says it hopes to start shipping western crude through its port facilities in Churchill as early as this fall.

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Looking for a home. Cats are free on Friday at WHS

The Winnipeg Humane Society will waive adoption fees on Friday in an effort to clear the shelter of hundreds of cats.

More than 1,750 strays have been brought to the shelter since May, said Judy Dean, adoptions manager for the WHS, with 600 coming in July alone

"We simply do not have the space to house them all," she said. "We'd much rather see these cats go to loving homes than face the alternative."

On Aug. 16, cats over four

months old will be free between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Kittens under four months will be \$25.

"Potential adopters need to bring ID with current address and can expect the process to take over 40 minutes," the shelter said in a statement. Cats are spayed/neutered, have a tattoo ID, first vaccination, six weeks of Pet Secure insurance and a two-week health check.

The WHS is also asking for donations of wet cat and kitten food. METRO

Disraeli AT bridge on track for September opening

Behind schedule. But the delay will be worth it, city engineer says



The late spring has delayed the opening of the cycling and pedestrian bridge to the east of the new Disraeli Bridge.

Brad Neirinck, bridge planning and operations engineer for the City of Winnipeg, said the city is now aiming for a late-September official opening.

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"Originally we were predicting end of July, but because of the late spring, that didn't work out," he said, adding that the bridge, known for now as the Disraeli AT (active transportation) bridge, will connect Rover and Midwinter avenues.

This is in contrast to the

Disraeli Bridges project, which was finished on time in October of last year.

However, the wait will be worth it, Neirinck said, as the bridge incorporates interesting features such as being built on the piers of the old structure.

Each pier has a lookout point on one side, and on the other, three mounted perforated steel plates with images that will glow at nighttime, for a total of 12 image plates.

"Some (images) are from the original construction in 1960 and some are from this (construction)," Neirinck added.

And while the AT bridge seems to be close to the river and exposed to possible flooding in the spring, Neirinck said that's only in comparison to the Disraeli vehicular bridge.

In fact, the AT bridge is slightly higher than the nearby Redwood and Louise bridges.

"That was all taken into account. The bridge is just above the high-water level," he said.



The Disraeli Active Transportation bridge will have lookout points and images showing its construction when it opens in September. Bernice Pontanilla/Metro

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Senate sends Wallin audit to Mounties

Expects \$82,000 back. Senator not allowed to write off travel costs

for next 12 months

Partisan Conservative fundraisers, a short hop to catch a flight to the Caribbean and glitzy awards galas are just some of the expenses Sen. Pamela Wallin billed to taxpayers under the guise of Senate business.

The Saskatchewan senator now faces the prospect of an RCMP probe, as well as paying back more than \$82,000 after an audit flagged a host of inappropriate travel claims dating back to her very first days in the upper chamber.

Wallin's ability to travel on the taxpayers' dime will be restricted for at least the next 12 months, Senate committee members said Tuesday.

"I believe I can speak for my colleagues on both sides when I say that we found aspects of the Deloitte report very troubling," said Liberal Sen. George Furey.

The former broadcaster has called the audit "flawed and



sallowed expenses back — with interest. <code>patrick</code> doyle/the canadian <code>f</code>

unfair," and her attorney has complained to auditing firm Deloitte about leaks of confidential information.

"Virtually nothing has happened ... which has not in some form or another found its way into the media," wrote Terrence O'Sullivan.

Deloitte auditors flagged \$121,348 in inappropriate expenses and called for further review of nearly \$21,000 in additional claims. Wallin has already repaid \$38,000.

The audit also found that changes had been made retroactively to entries in Wallin's electronic calendar once the audit process had begun.

Wallin says the changes were the result of advice she received in order to co-operate with the audit. Conservative Sen. David Tkachuk said he only told Wallin to omit irrelevant information.

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Caught red handed?

Doctor accused of stealing drugs out of smuggler's gut

Russian police have arrested a surgeon who they say stole some of the heroin he had been called on to extract from the stomach of a suspected drug mule.

Police in the Siberian region of Krasnoyarsk say that after investigators discovered some of the drugs were missing, they searched the surgeon and found a packet containing five grams of heroin hidden in his clothes.

The surgeon, who was not identified, was under the influence of narcotics when he was apprehended, according to the police statement issued Tuesday.

If convicted, the doctor faces up to 15 years in prison. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Calgary. Thieves dump out ashes of car-crash victim

Car prowlers on the hunt for loose change and other valuables have taken something from a grieving Calgary mother that money can't buy.

Colleen Ransom had kept her daughter Emma's ashes in her pickup truck since the 19-year-old student and three friends were killed in a 2009 car crash.

On Aug. 2, several vehicles were broken into on Colleen's street, and someone removed a green pouch with Emma's remains inside and emptied it onto the rain-soaked street.

Colleen was only able to salvage a few ashes and came forward Tuesday pleading with the public to help police nab the burglars responsible.

"Who would do that?" she asked. "It's a violation."

Also stolen was a green rain jacket that belonged to Emma.

Police are looking to speak



her daughter and the pouch of her hes. jeremy nolais/metro in calgar

with three girls between the ages of 14 and 17 spotted in the neighbourhood.

Neighbour Garrett Smith said most of the neighbours he's spoken to said the thieves only took change out the vehicles and ignored highervalue electronics.

IEREMY NOLAIS/METRO IN CALGARY

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Food safety. Coca-Cola ads to defend artificial sweeteners

Coca-Cola plans to run its first ad defending the safety of artificial sweeteners on Wednesday, a move that comes as the company looks to stem declining sales of diet soda.

The print ad is set to run in USA Today in the Atlanta area, followed by the Atlanta Journal Constitution on Thursday and the Chicago Tribune next week. It says that diet drinks can help people manage their weight and stresses the scientific evidence showing the safety of aspartame, more commonly known under the NutraSweet brand name.

The ad represents the next phase of a campaign Coca-Cola Co. launched in January to push back at critics who blame its sugary drinks for spiking obesity rates.

The first wave of ads outlined the company's commitment to fighting obesity and pointed to the many diet options it offers.

Now Coca-Cola is trying to reassure people that those lower-calorie drinks aren't harmful. "Coke is trying to get out front and proactively defend these diet sweeteners," said John Sicher, editor of Beverage Digest.

Sales of diet sodas are falling at a faster rate than regular sodas in the U.S., according to Beverage Digest. The declines come even though the U.S. Food and Drug Administration says aspartame may be safely used in foods as a sweetener. The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Market Minute



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Railway in Quebec tragedy has its licence suspended

Montreal. Federal regulator made call after reviewing MMA's liability insurance

The railway at the centre of the Lac-Mégantic, Que., train disaster will have its operating licence suspended in Canada, a severe blow to an already crippled company.

The Canadian Transportation Agency announced Tuesday that it's revoking the certificates of fitness for the Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway Ltd. and its Canadian subsidiary, Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Canada Co.

The arm's-length federal regulator says it made the decision after reviewing the railway's third-party liability insurance following the fiery July 6 derailment that killed 47 people and wiped out part of downtown Lac-Mégantic.

"We have concluded that



An engineer checks the engine of a Montreal, Maine & Atlantic locomotive on July 11 outside the company's offices in the town of Farnham, Que. The Canadian Transportation Agency announced Tuesday that it's revoking the certificate of fitness for the embattled railway company. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

(the coverage) is not adequate, thereby we have no choice but to suspend their certificate of fitness," said agency spokeswoman Jacqueline Bannister. "We have given them until Aug. 20 to conclude their railway activities in Canada."

The agency said it had advised the railway that it must maintain at least the same amount of third-party liabil-

ity coverage it had before the derailment. But it said MMA's insurance broker indicated the aggregate coverage had been cut in half since the derailment. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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HYPERLOOP CREATOR HAS CREDIBILITY

A transport system that gets people from San Francisco to Los Angeles in half an hour using currently available technology?

It's called Hyperloop, the latest crazy plan from Elon Musk, the visionary who has so far given the world PayPal, the Tesla electric car and SpaceX, the world's only private space program.

Hyperloop is a solar-powered, lightweight, pneumatic system that proposes to move people and cars from one destination to another at 1,000 kilometres an hour. The tubes would follow California's I-5 and, unlike the rapid rail system now in the planning process, farmers would still be able to plant their crops under the columns.

Any way you look at it - cost, speed, efficiency, access, land use - Musk's estimated \$10-billion bright idea compares favourably to the now-planned \$70-billion-to-\$100-billion train that would poke along at about 320 kilometres an hour. So why is everyone dumping all over it? Typical of the expert



Paul Sullivan

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opinion on Hyperloop is Richard White, a professor of American history at Stanford and author of Railroaded: The Transcontinentals and the Making of Modern America.

"It doesn't seem plausible to me," he told The New York Times. "I'm suspicious about everything, especially cost."

I'm not sure what Richard White thought when Musk announced SpaceX in 2002, but I don't think there was anyone who really believed it would be the first privately held company to take cargo to the International Space Station a mere 10 years later.

Elon Musk has visionary cred. While the tenured professors of negativity mutter in their beards, Elon Musk is busy designing the future.

Along with a few others such as the recently departed Steve Jobs, Google's Sergey Brin and tech-genius emeritus Bill Gates.

Not everything these guys dream up works. Landfills are littered with Newton PDAs and Vista software bundles and Google seems to shut down as many services as it launches, but look at what they've brought to the table. Modern wonders of the world:

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- Small devices that fit into your pocket that allow you to store, organize and access as many beautiful words, pictures and melodies as you can stand.

Not to mention a rocket-ship company that has single-handedly saved the International Space Station, our seed pod to the stars.

Sadly, for every Elon Musk, there are 100 Richard Whites. Eminent, expert and enervating. People who can tell you how it won't work. Prophets of failure.

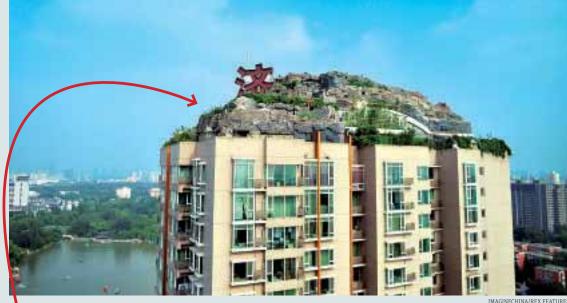
We need more Elon Musks, people who look at grinding challenges such as gridlock and climate change and see opportunity. More than that: They see excitement. Their eyes sparkle

It's like corny old Buzz Lightyear likes to say: To infinity and

Why would we want to go anywhere else?

ZOOM

Rustic rock villa meets urban upset



One castle in the sky not wanted

A mysterious Chinese medicine practitioner has been ordered to dismantle a rocky mountain villa built on top of a 26-storey block of apartments in Beijing.

Neighbours say Prof. Zhang Biging began to illegally build the huge rock dwelling six years ago and they live in fear that the weight will cause the building to collapse. **METRO**

\$3.5M

At 27,349 yuan (\$4,468 US) per square metre for property in the Chinese capital, and 800 square metres (8,600 square feet) of rocky terrain, Zhang's luxury rooftop pad could be worth more than \$3.5 million US.

The faux mountain home is covered by fake rockeries, real trees and bushes, and is located in one of the city's more upmarket areas.

Unlicensed add-ons and alterations to homes is a common practice among China's wealthiest.

15-day deadline for demolition

The suites beneath Zhang's already suffer from cracks and leaking roofs. One neighbour had complained to the local urban management office, but Zhang allegedly hired thugs to beat him up and he then moved away. Following media exposure, the local urban management office has now ordered Zhang to dismantle the property within 15 days or it will be torn down. METRO

Quoted

"Since I dare to live here, I am not worried about complaints. Famous people come to my place and sing. How can you stop them? I used to worry that the house might be too much but I never expected this much attention." Zhang told Beijing Morning News



FIFIELD

Are you suffering from the affliction of having way too much available data on your phone plan? Nip that problem in the bud with these recent online multiplayer gems. Besides, it's more fun to play together.

Ultima Forever

What's being billed as the App Store's largest free to play RPG has been a blast in the days since it launched. There's no cross-platform play, sadly, but the developers are promising it. (iOS/Free)

Finest Hour

This turn-based, First World War-era tank warfare with a board game feel has been my favourite release for quite a while. Manage your fleet of armoured

war machines, with special care to positioning that exploits the weakne of your opponents' tanks while defending against the vulnerabilities of your own. Easily worth the cost. (iOS/\$0.99)

Disc Drivin'

OK, so there's nothing new about Disc Drivin', but I've recently rediscovered it buried among my app folders. A turnbased racing game where the vehicle of choice is a weighted disc you flick around a tricky track. (iOS/\$1.99)

Letters

RE: Ontario to examine pesticides as possible cause of bee deaths, published July 9

It was good to see a couple of articles back in July on the problems honeybees are having. Keep up the good work. I think the public needs to be made aware of how the honeybee has become an essential part of modern agriculture. Without it, the large crops of fruits, vegetables, nuts and even cotton wouldn't be pollinated.

The U.S. lost so many honeybee colonies that every year the country imports honeybees from Australia in order to satisfy the demand from farmers.

Can you imagine having to hand pollinate the flowers on a pear tree in order to get a pear to grow? Can you imagine the cost of the fruit? Well it is already happening. There is a province in China that no longer has honeybees due to the use of pesticides and the pear trees have to be hand pollinated.

A few months ago the EU banned neonicotinoids for a couple of years. Hopefully this will help to slow or reverse the trend of the declining honeybee populations.

When a bug eats a leaf, it dies. When a honeybee takes pollen and nectar to its hive, it therefore feeds this poison to the brood as well as the adult bees.

Derrick To, Vancouver

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You're not paranoid — movies on espionage are good business

I spy. Opening this weekend, Paranoia won't be the last in a long list of movies about double crossing businesses



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The word espionage is most commonly used in relation to spy stories. It conjures up images of James Bond, exotic locations and wild action scenes. But in many movies espionage has little to do with shaken not stirred martinis and Bond girls, and more to do with corporate secrets and intrigue.

This weekend, Paranoia explores the world of big business espionage as Adam Cassidy (Liam Hemsworth) finds himself doing dangerous double duty in the billion dollar world of high

As an entry level employ-ee, his boss Nicholas Wyatt (Gary Oldman) promises him a corner office, among other things, if he will spy on rival tech giant Jock Goddard (Harrison Ford).

That movie is set in the world of bits and bytes but corporate espionage comes in as many styles as that designed ergonomically chair in the CEO's office.

As the title would suggest, the movie Duplicity is ripe with lies and underhanded dealings. Julia Roberts and Clive Owen are former government spies now working in the private sector. Despite being intimately involved, they work for rival shampoo companies. It's a romantic comedy about undercover activities. Imagine if Rock Hudson and Doris Day had starred in Mission Impossible and you get the idea.

Genetics is the currency in New Rose Hotel, a 1999

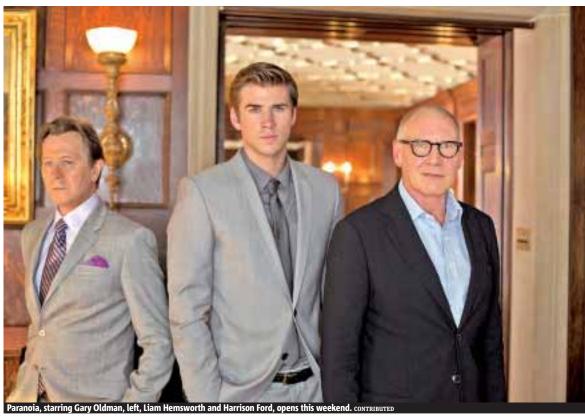
Christopher Walken and Willem Dafoe film based on a short story by William Gibson. They play corporate moles hired to influence a Japanese bio-engineering expert to defect from one corporation to another. To seduce Dr. Hiroshi (Yoshitaka Amano) they hire a prostitute (Asia Argento) to win his affections. The plan doesn't work, and neither does the movie, really, but it's worth

a look for the flamboyant performances from Walken

Finally, back in the world of high tech espionage, the Ben Affleck thriller Paycheck is a good little movie released at the wrong time. Wedged between Gigli and Jersey Girl, it came out at the height of Bennifer and the nadir of audience interest in Affleck as an actor.

Based on a Philip K Dick

short story, Affleck plays Jennings, a genius programmer hired by corporations to reverse engineer new products, recreating them anew. His work is so secretive that after he's done, his memory is wiped clean. The chicanery really begins when his employer (Aaron Eckhart) pulls a double cross, leaving Jennings with no money, no memory and a world of



Why there won't be an Elysium sequel

Neill Blomkamp's science fiction action dystopia Elysium topped the box office its opening weekend, pulling in an estimated international gross of \$41.3 million.

Not too shabby, but success doesn't mean there will be a sequel — at least if Blomkamp has anything to say about it. The writer-director, who dodged pressure to make a sequel to District 9 and instead has followed it up with Elysium and his next film, the original Chappie, is something of a sequel-phobe.

"One of my favourite parts of filmmaking is just conceptualizing ideas," he says. "Executing them is very different to conceptualizing them. I tend to come up with a lot of ideas and I get attached to a lot of them. It creates a different mindset where it's like, 'I want to see this get executed and I want to see that get executed' as opposed to, 'I want to return back to this world from this film.' I have a few other ideas for films I want to make currently.'

For movie-goers who have

already seen Elysium, the idea that there won't be a sequel is hardly a surprise. And that was what made it so appealing to star Matt Damon.

"I love what it says to the industry. There's not going to be a sequel to this movie. Just deal with it. I love that message," Damon says. "As a movie-goer it's hard not to be cynical when you see every movie trying to set up a sequel. Hopefully it will be refreshing and people will go, 'Oh, that's cool.'

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Winfrey apologizes over Swiss bag dust-up

Oprah Winfrey really wishes everyone hadn't made such a big deal about her not being able to buy a handbag in Switzerland because the store clerk assumed she couldn't afford it.

"I think the incident in Switzerland was just an incident in Switzerland," Winfrey says, according to he BBC.

"I'm really sorry that it got blown up. I purposefully did not mention the name of the store. I'm sorry that I said it was Switzerland. It's not an indictment against the country, or even that store. It's just one person who didn't want to offer me the opportunity to see the bag."

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Miley Cyrus knows she is white, m'kay?



THE WORD
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Miley Cyrus, who is white, teamed up with French Montana, who is Moroccan, for a remix of his hit song Ain't Worried 'Bout Nothin'.

A portion of the collaboration, which was shot on an iPhone video, was put out onto the Interwebs on Monday. In the grainy

video, Cyrus raps about "having thick chicks" and "stuntin' during Fashion Week."

In response to the clip, comments poured in — many of which were not so nice and seemed quite racially motivated — to which Cyrus replied via Twitter, "i know what color my skin is. you can stop with the friendly reminders b—."

It's been very interesting to watch the singer, who brought twerking into the mainstream, shed her Disney background and play her career and artistic self the way she wants to play it — no genres, no boundaries, no rules. Good for you, Miley.



Bialik opens up about divorce

Instead of asking for privacy during her divorce from Michael Stone, Mayim Bialik has been going quite public with the details, chronicling the ordeal on her blog on Kveller.com.

"I wanted to write about some of the more complicated aspects, and specifically there's certain things to Jewish divorce that people don't know about," she tells Access Hollywood Live.

"It's very intense. So I wrote for Kveller about some of those aspects in hopes of maybe (being) helpful to other people or other women."

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Life can be one heck of a ride, especially on these coasters

Amusement. Summer may be winding down, but there's still plenty of time to get your heart racing with these rides

JULIE KAYZERMAN

Metro World News in New York City

Pete Trabucco has a pretty thrilling job if you ask us — he's an amusement park expert. Yes, that's an actual job. Jealous? The author of America's Top Roller Coasters and Amusement Parks gave us the 411 on the best roller coasters in the United States for you to see this summer

Hottest new coaster

Gatekeeper Cedar Point, Sandusky, Ohio cedarpoint.com

Trabucco calls Cedar Point the "Mecca for all roller coaster enthusiasts." Gate-keeper is "one of the most anticipated rides that's coming out of that location," he says. "It's an absolutely amazing wing coaster in which you are actually suspended on the other side of this entire track," he says. "You are just flying with nothing but just air."

Cedar Point has 16 coasters, including Gatekeeper. It is also the only amusement park to have four coasters taller than 200 feet, including Top Thrill Dragster, the second tallest roller coaster in the world.



Tallest thriller

Kingda Ka Six Flags Great Adventure, Jackson, N.J.. sixflags.com/greatadventure

Going from zero to 128 m.p.h. in about four seconds, this steel accelerator reaches 456 feet before it drops 418 feet at a 90-degree angle.

Best wooden coaster

El Toro Six Flags Great Adventure, Jackson, N.J.

This ride became the first wooden coaster to use a cable lift instead of a chain lift, allowing for a much faster and steeper ride. El Toro has one of the steepest wooden-coaster drops and was voted the 2013 No. 1 wooden coaster by Amusement Today.

Best Florida coaster

Dragon Challenge Harry Potter World, Universal Park, Orlando, Fla. universalorlando.com/harrypotter

"The Dragon Challenge is basically two coasters that actually come tip to tip," says Trabucco. "When you're on the ride you actually almost touch toes as you loop the loop simultaneously."

World's largest

Safari expansion nets Six Flags' new title

Move over Disney. Six Flags Great Adventure is now the world's largest park thanks to its newest expansion ride, Safari Off Road Adventure.

The Jackson, N.J., theme park reimagined its 38-yearold Wild Safari park during the off-season, outfitting the 350-acre, 1,200-animal preserve with 18 open-air safari vehicles customized

"Any park that you go to,

one or two kid rides that are really well worth go-

ing on," Trabucco says. "If you're an adult and you're like me, you're not going to fit, but you hold your

breath." Trabucco recom-

Sesame Place Lang-

horne, Pa. sesameplace.

Walt Disney World Re-

sort, Lake Buena Vista,

Fla. disneyworld.disney.

Runaway Mine Train Six Flags Great Adventure,

sixflags.com/greatadven-

Jackson, N.J.

mends:

you're going to find at least

from surplus army trucks.
"It's a worthwhile, interesting attraction," says Paul
Ruben, industry expert and
North American editor of
Park World magazine.

By merging the Safari reserve with the existing Great Adventure property, the park is now 510 acres—surpassing Walt Disney World's Animal Kingdom (500 acres) as the world's largest theme park.

CHRIS LONGO

Tragedy on vacation: how to deal



ON THE MOVE Loren Christie life@metronews.ca

When tragedy strikes during a vacation, it can be especially jarring. Not only are you dealing with a horrible situation, but you are in unfamiliar surroundings with no loved ones around to comfort or assist.

It is important to understand that the help you will receive from the Canadian government's consular services may be limited. If someone dies while travelling abroad, they will not pay for the burial, cremation or repatriation costs of a deceased Canadian, although they can provide advice and contact relatives. The related expenses are your responsibility. However, the Department of Justice Canada may sometimes provide financial assistance to Canadians who are victims of violent crimes abroad through its Victims Fund.

You are also responsible to register the death according to local regulations and get a local death certificate. However a call to a qualified funeral home

in both Canada and the country where the death occurred will save you a lot of paperwork. Both must be involved in returning the remains home.

Most airlines have stopped offering bereavement fares but they are still available for some international routes. You will often get a better deal by booking the lowest and most restricted fare available. Urns may be considered carry-on baggage and caskets are considered cargo.

If you end up in custody because you have broken or are accused of breaking the laws of another country, you are subject to their judicial system. Consular services can provide you with a list of local lawyers, but won't intervene in private legal matters, provide legal advice, post bail or get you out of prison.

As far as getting financial assistance with some of these unexpected tragedies, always check your travel insurance and credit card policy to see what kind of coverage is included. Some policies may cover the preparation and repatriation of remains or they may simply cover cremation or local burial. Also, be clear on whether you have to pay upfront and be reimbursed with receipts or if you must contact your provider first to have them handle certain arrangements. Finally, always leave copies of insurance documents,



passports, credit cards and photo IDs at home with loved ones. It will make it easier for them to assist you.

Making a vacation home your own — even if it isn't

Rent your vacation home. Then invite your friends and relatives to share the good times — and price tag. ISTOCK IMAGES

Rent it. That mansion on the beach you've been lusting for may not be within your price range — but you can pretend

JULIA FURLAN

Metro World News in New York City

Jet-setting around town and living out of a suitcase may seem glamorous, but it gets old fast.

There's something special about crossing the threshold of a house — the kind of house you don't usually live in — and making it "home" for a few days.

Robert Milne, president of WyndhamVacation Rentals North America — a company specializing in luxury house rentals — gave us some tips about making yourself at home while you're on vacation.

What kind of folks usually go for rental houses?

Typically, our demographic, as you can probably imagine, is a family. But usually it's more than just two adults.

It's the mom and dad and maybe the uncle or a friend, because renting gives people an opportunity to invite other friends or family that they might not otherwise.

What makes renting a

house different from staying in a hotel?

I'm a perfect example of it, actually.

(My family) rents vacation houses when we travel, and it's funny how over the years different members of the family invited friends who we never would have thought of inviting if we were going to stay in a hotel.

It's like, even though we're good friends, I'm not going to invite you to stay in a hotel with me — but it's different when it is a house.

Plus, if you invite your friend along, the cost splits amongst a lot of people and makes it a good value.

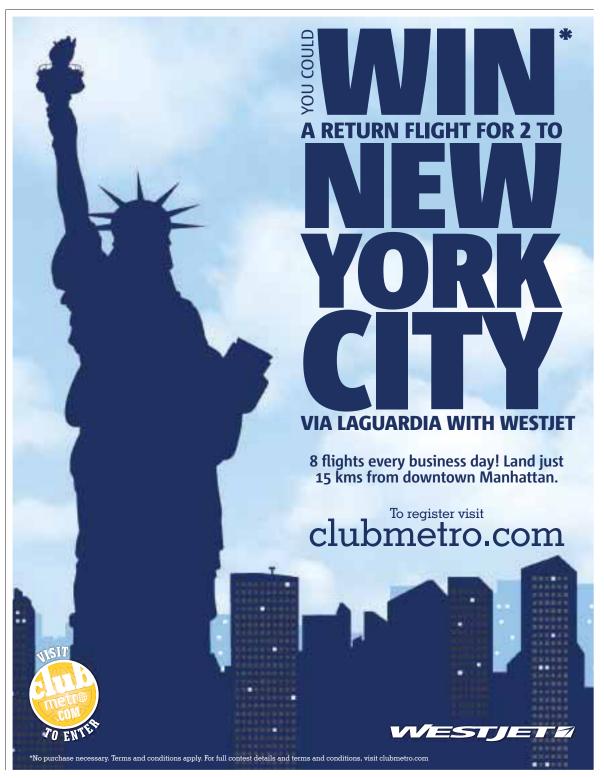
Sites like VRBO, Airbnb and HomeAway make it easy to rent houses. What makes your

company different?
One of the bigger differences between the professionally managed properties versus houses managed by owners is that a lot of the owners don't have the sophistication of software to make sure that double-bookings and other problems don't happen.

We came up with a "renter's bill of rights" that we could stand behind as a company. It is a service pledge that promises high standards of customer service, real-time booking, accurate property portrayals and diverse properties with clean, regularly inspected units.

Advice

- DO. Ask questions beforehand. "We had one guest who showed up at a vacation rental and brought all of their sheets and towels, and they were floored to learn that the house already had linens. I think a lot of it is doing your research and making sure that you find out what amenities there are, too."
- DON'T. Obsess about work."I always remind guests that there is so much to do and see that they should avoid bringing too much work with them. In my experience, staying at a rental means it becomes your home away from home many of our guests feel the same way.



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Going up to bat in a casual chat

The on-the-spot interview. A

recruitment can occur at any time. Be ready!

ROSIE HALES

Your job hunt is all about preparation. Careful research, polished cover letters and resumés and a clear plan for the future are all key to your success.

Don't overlook a crucial component of the job hunt that could be essential to snagging your dream job: the on-the-spot interview.

If you're networking or attending an info session, you may find yourself in a casual conversation that suddenly turns the heat up when a big name figure or recruiter starts asking you the tough questions.

Presenting yourself in just a few minutes might seem nerve-wracking, but these tips will help you ace an onthe-spot interview.

Get excited

First impressions matter a great deal. If you seem like you're dreading an interviewstyle conversation, that's going to affect your responses and how they're received.

When presented with the opportunity to take part in an on-the-spot interview, imagine it as getting one step closer to a job.

Yes, it's a challenge, but that doesn't mean you have to treat it like a hurdle.

You should be seeking out these opportunities, not fearing that one might find you.

Tip: "That sounds great, I'd appreciate that opportunity,"

Your thoughts?

TalentEgg: #Questionofthe-Day: How do you prepare for an interview? Share your tips to help out other interviewees!

- @aadamzaidi: #QuestionoftheDay To boost confidence, Í tell myself that it would be their loss to not hire me and back it up with my skills.
- @HanleyShaun: #QuestionoftheDay Research the company, find out everything I can, good and bad, so I have questions and can interview
- @rosieghales: I write a list of potential questions, brainstorm answers, and think of examples to back them up! #QuestionoftheDay

makes a much stronger impression than, "Oh! OK ... '

Dress the part

Believe it or not, one of the key steps to success in an onthe-spot interview takes place before you even get in the

If you're visiting an event on the spur of the moment and are tempted to show up in street wear, think again. Wearing appropriate attire helps communicate that you're taking the event seriously, and indicates to a prospective employer that you understand the importance of following a dress code.

A good rule of thumb is to dress as if you were attending a formal interview on-site at



a company, or a little more formal than their daily dress

Err on the side of conservative dress, but try to include a unique detail that reflects your personality.

Tip: If it's impossible for you to get into your preferred networking outfit, be sure to at least wear something more dressy than you'd wear on an average day. No knapsacks!

Brainstorm better answers

Before you attend a recruitment event or info session, challenge yourself with commonly-asked interview questions. For example:

• Why do you want to work at

our company?

What are your greatest strengths and weaknesses?

• What are you looking for in

You may think you've got these questions covered, particularly if you think well on your feet. However, providing a memorable answer isn't just about saying relevant things. These questions are generic, and even great answers that are all about you will sound generic as well. Don't just talk about yourself.

Use your answers to show active engagement with the structure and workplace culture of your potential employer.

Tip: This is a good opportunity to identify and prioritize what you're looking for in an employer. The results may surprise you!

Practice your elevator pitch

Your on-the-spot interview won't necessarily be a timeconsuming activity. It might be as simple as one of many possible open-ended questions, like: "What makes you a great candidate?"

This is where crafting a good elevator pitch comes in. Ask yourself: "If I was stuck in an elevator for 60 seconds with a brilliant figure from my industry, what would I say to make him or her want to work with me?'

You'll need to be ready to demonstrate your exceptional qualities while tailoring your response to an employer's specific question. There are no quick tricks here, just good old practice. Figure out the angle you want to use, then practise adjusting it to different situations.

Tip: The goal is to sound prepared, not rehearsed. With regular practice, you'll be able to improvise and maintain a natural attitude while making a strong impression.

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The dos and don'ts of dealing with a d'oh!

Mending your first mistake. Turn that blunder into an opportunity to impress your business buds

MEGHAN GREAVES

Mistakes happen, especially when first hatching your career. There's a lot to learn, a new workplace "style" to adhere to, and a ton of egg-citing but sometimes challenging scenarios. It doesn't help that being a new hire can be nerve-

wracking as well.

The good news is that it's more than likely that your employer will be understanding of your first "whoops" if you handle it properly. This is easy if you're equipped with the right skills. We did some research on how to overcome your first mistake at work and asked around to get more ideas.

Acknowledge that you've made a mistake

You've accidentally replied to everyone in a sensitive email, sent the wrong message or double-booked your boss.

The first thing to do is acknowledge the mistake. Don't sweep it under the rug for someone else to find. Owning up prevents the mistake from snowballing into a serious problem.

This is also the perfect time to take any responsible steps to reverse the mistake, if possible. **Advise your manager**

The best thing to do after realizing that you have made a mistake and taking the proper steps to come up with a solution is to advise your manager.

This may be a scary thing,



but telling your manager about your manager

being asked about it.

While no one likes mistakes, you need to believe that

You've acknowledged that

a mistake has been made,

developed a solution and

Your apology doesn't have

to be an overwrought

speech, but it should be

Apologizing shows your

employer right off the bat

that you are being profes-

sional about the situation

confidence to believe that

and gives him or her the

vou will make it right.

brought the situation to

your manager. Now it's

time to apologize.

Take responsibility

but telling your manager about a mistake is a lot less scary than your manager will understand and appreciate your honesty.

Explain if necessary

Your employer may ask for you to explain the situation to ensure that everyone is on the same page.

If this happens, lay out your explanation in advance. Preparing yourself beforehand avoids having your nerves kick in and will keep you from rambling.

Here are some guidelines for explaining your mistake:

- •Summarize the situation as concisely as possible
- •Leave others out of the explanation
- •Think about what the repercussions could be and how you could handle them if needed
- Put together the steps that you took to acknowledge and fix your mistake

• Briefly discuss what you have learned and how you will avoid making the same mistake again.

Debrief yourself

You've acknowledged the mistake, provided a solution and spoken with your employer. It's time to get back to work.

However, there may still be a lot going on in your mind (Did I explain myself enough? Do they understand? Are they mad? Am I going to get fired?). It can be hard not to fixate on the situation.

Try and take a break to debrief your mind, if possible. If that's not an option, take a moment to remind yourself of the positive accomplish-

ments you've enjoyed at your job, and set those off against this passing error.

This will settle your concerns so you can get back to being productive!

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A crepe isn't a crepe without a plum

These crepes are delicious for breakfast, brunch or dessert. The plums are cooked with star anise until just soft and complemented by the cardamom in the whipped cream.

1. In a large bowl, whisk

Ingredients

- 3 eggs, lightly beaten
- 500 ml (2 cups) milk
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) melted but-
- ter, plus extra for cooking crepes
- 250 ml (1 cup) all-purpose flour
- 5 ml (1 tsp) salt

Plums

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) vegetable oil6 blue plums, pitted and quartered
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) granulated sugar
- 250 ml (1 cup) semi-dry white wine (such as Riesling)
- 8 whole star anise podsZest and juice of 1 lemon

Whipped Cream

- 250 ml (1 cup) whipping cream (35 per cent)
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) liquid honey
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground cardamom

eggs, milk, 50 ml (1/4 cup) melted butter, flour and salt until no lumps remain. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours before making crepes.

- 2. Plums: In a large heavy-bottomed skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Brown cut side of plums for about 2 minutes per side; sprinkle with sugar. Add wine, star anise pods and lemon zest to skillet and bring to a boil; reduce heat to medium. Cook until plums are soft, about 4 minutes. With a slotted spoon, remove plums to a heatproof bowl.
- **3.** Bring syrup to boil; boil until reduced by half, 5 to 6 minutes. Add lemon juice to taste; pour over plums. Cover and let cool to room temperature
- **4.** Crepes: Heat a 20-cm (8-inch) non-stick skillet over medium heat. Brush pan with melted butter. Pour 75 ml (1/3 cup) batter into centre of pan, tilting pan to cover botom thinly. Return to heat for about 1 minute or until botom is lightly browned. Using



a spatula, flip crepe over and brown other side. Remove to a plate. Repeat with remaining batter, buttering pan if needed. (Refrigerate crepes if not using immediately.)

5. Whipped Cream: Using an electric mixer, whip cream

on medium until thickened slightly. Slowly add honey and cardamom, whipping until stiff peaks form, about 2 minutes. Keep refrigerated until ready to use.

6. Remove star anise pods from plums. Place crepes on

cutting board. Divide plum mixture among 8 crepes, spooning mixture onto one half. Fold crepes over. Carefully transfer to serving plates; garnish with whipped cream and a star anise pod. THE CANADIAN PRESS/ CHEF TAFIK SHEHATA FOR FOODLAND ONTARIO

Drink of the Week

Breakfast of Champs

Kick off any hot summer day with this refreshing punch. It's simple and delicious, with lemon juice, simple syrup and soda water.

- 8.5 oz Belvedere Vodka
- 4 oz lemon juice
- 3 oz simple syrup
- 16 oz soda water

Add all ingredients into a glass jug. Garnish with lemon slices and mint.



Pillowy goodness of pancakes

- **1.** Compote: In a saucepan on low heat, cook berries with sugar for 30 minutes. Let cool and set aside.
- **2.** Pancakes: Into a bowl, sift all dry ingredients and combine. Add eggs and mix in milk and buttermilk. The

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batter should be thick but not too thick (if additional liquid is required, add a little water). Set aside and let rest for 1 hour.

3. In a frying pan or flat grill, heat a small amount of oil. When hot, spoon pan-

cake batter onto hot surface. Cook until pancakes start to bubble on top and are slightly dry around edges, about 2 minutes. Flip over and cook until golden, about 1 minute.

4. Repeat until all batter

has been used, keeping pancakes warm until ready to serve. Drizzle berry compote. The canadian press/eat pray love: regionally inspired cuisine by rocky mountaineer, with recipes created by chefs jean pierre guerin and frederic counton.

Ingredients

Compote

- 50 ml (1/4 cup) blueberries
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) blackberries
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) strawberries
 75 ml (1/3 cup) white sugar

Pancakes

- 125 ml (1/2 cup) whole-
- wheat flour
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) all-purpose flour
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) white sugar
- 10 ml (2 tsp) baking powder • 5 ml (1 tsp) baking soda
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) salt
- 2 eggs
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) milk
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) milk • 125 ml (1/2 cup) buttermilk
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) canola oil, for cooking



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MLB

Victorino's two-run single leads Red Sox past Blue Jays 4-2

Shane Victorino hit a two-run single to put Boston ahead in the 11th inning Tuesday as the Red Sox went on to beat the Toronto Blue Jays 4-2.

Victorino's two-out single off Blue Jays reliever Aaron Loup (4-5) scored Jarrod Saltalamacchia and Jacoby Ellsbury, helping the Red Sox (72-49) pad their lead atop the American League East.

Blue Jays pitcher Todd Redmond, who was called up from triple-A Buffalo to start the game, was solid in his return to the majors with just three hits allowed and five strikeouts through 5 1-3 spotless innings as Toronto lost its third straight. THE CANADIAN PRESS

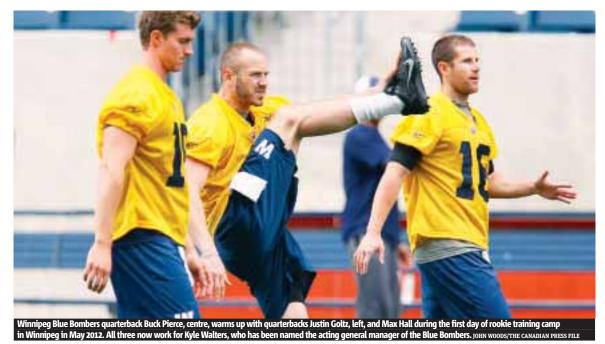
MLB

Former league MVP on waivers

The Minnesota Twins have placed Canadian first baseman Justin Morneau on revocable waivers.

If Morneau is claimed before Wednesday's deadline, the Twins can work out a trade with the claiming team to let that team take his contract or pull him back and keep him in Minnesota.

Morneau, a native of New Westminster, B.C., has been a cornerstone of the team for a decade. The former AL most valuable player is in the final year of his contract. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Bombers name Kyle Walters as acting GM

New role. Walters promises better internal communication amid the turmoil of Winnipeg's 1-5 start and firing of GM Joe Mack and CEO Garth Buchko

Kyle Walters knew there was a problem.

a problem.

He heard the complaints and confusion from jilted Winnipeg Blue Bombers quarterbacks Justin Goltz and Buck Pierce after Monday's practice and the criticism of the decision to make Max Hall the

club's new starter. When Walters was named acting general manager Tuesday, those comments exemplified exactly what he feels needs to change within the organization.

"That will not happen," Walters said at his introductory news conference. "The way you stop that from happening is be open and honest.

"I was a former player, I was a former head coach. You look players in the eye, you tell them matter-of-fact, 'This is where you fit in, this is why.' Players don't necessarily have to agree or like the news but I've found they respect and accept their roles and buy in and that's what needs to happen."

Walters promised better internal communication amid the turmoil of Winnipeg's 1-5 start and firing of GM Joe Mack and CEO Garth Buchko. That includes "having much more open lines of communication" with coach Tim Burke.

"All the decisions moving forward will be a collaborative effort," Walters said. "As a whole organizational infrastructure from top to bottom we will be much more open with our communication, keeping everybody in the loop on all decisions."

In theory, that also means a collaborative effort in setting the depth chart. Walters said Burke has the authority to do

In the past

 Kyle Walters had served as Winnipeg's assistant GM after spending three years on the coaching staff. He won a Grey Cup as a safety with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats in 1999.

that and change it as he sees fit.

Acting CEO Wade Miller expressed confidence in Walters' ability to know the team and its inner workings but made no promises he'll be the GM beyond this season.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Newlywed ups her game to win silver



Brianne Theisen Eaton celebrates winning a silver medal in the heptathlon at the world track and field championships in Moscow on Tuesday.

ALEXANDER ZEMLIANICHENKO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Eatons finished their working honeymoon in Russia on Tuesday, ever so close to making it a double-gold celebration at the world track and field championships.

Brianne Theisen Eaton of Humboldt, Sask., failed to sufficiently shake off Ganna Melnichenko in the final 800-metre race of the heptathlon and finished with a silver medal two days after her husband, Ashton Eaton of the United States, won gold in the decathlon.

After two days of com-

petition, Theisen Eaton no longer had the legs to create a decisive gap ahead of Melnichenko. And while the Ukrainian went celebrating wrapped in her national flag, Theisen Eaton wrapped herself in the warmest of embraces of her smiling husband.

Barely a month after marriage, they proved it was a near-perfect competitive match as she gained her first global medal.

"I watched Ashton the last couple of years winning all his medals and could only sit back and imagine what that felt like," said Theisen Eaton.

"Ashton and I talked about both being on the podium here, it was definitely our plan. We'll probably just go home now, sit on the couch for a few days watching television and eating crappy food."

A real honeymoon could also be on the agenda.

"Now would be the perfect time to go lay on the beach," said Theisen Eaton.

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Seeing as Ford is boasting better than 6.0 l/100 km highway rating for the turbo, 9.0 l/100 km in the city and 6.1 on the highway is a reasonable guess with the base 2.5 being a touch thirstier.

Design

The retiring Transit Connect's tall body was always better suited for work-van duty, while the new Transit Connect Wagon's stylish sheet metal seems far more car-like in looks and in application. In fact, it's a long overdue departure from the classic minivan shape.

Review. A fresh take on the minivan ... from Europe? Yes indeed

MALCOLM GUNN

Nowhere in Ford's press or promotional literature will you see the 2014 Transit Connect Wagon referred to as a minivan.

But one walk around this big-roofed rig with its dualsliding side doors and up to seven passenger seating capacity is enough to confirm that "minivan" is the most relevant designation, even if it's from Europe.

The TC Wagon, which arrives in late 2013, is the junior-sized civilian offshoot of a series of new windowless commercial-vans heading to North America from Ford's factory in Spain.

Unlike the Mazda, the TC Wagon will be offered in five and seven passenger sizes, separated by about 41 centimetres in overall length and in distance between the front and rear wheels. The pair replaces the original five-passenger Transit Connect van that arrived for the 2010 model year.

The five-passenger TC Wagon's just-right size is more esthetically pleasing, but for larger families the elongated seven-seat version will likely get the nod. Both are finished off as well as any other members of Ford's compact fleet, including the Focus sedan and hatchback and Escape small utility vehicle.

With three distinct trim levels — XL, XLT and Titanium — the TC Wagon can be spiced up just about any way you want, from utilitarian basic to full-on premium class transporter with leather seat coverings, king-size panoramic glass roof, a navigation system with a 6.5-inch (16.5-centimetre) screen, fancy wheels, upgraded sound system and other niceties.

In either case, the splitfolding second-row — and the dual fore-and-aft-sliding thirdThere's more than ample room to transport row seats found in extended models — can be flattened for maximum stowage. The TC Wagon will accommodate up to 545 kilograms of cargo and tow up to 910 kilograms. Think personal water craft or

ATV here.

Along with its compact silhouette, the TC Wagon promises to maintain a solid grip on fuel consumption by way of its engines. The starting point is a 2.5-litre four-cylinder, while a turbocharged 1.6-litre four-cylinder "EcoBoost" power-plant is optional.

Far from being just a cargo

van with added windows and seats, the Transit Connect Wagon is nothing short of a fully turned-out utility hauler. Ford is keeping the starting prices to itself for now, but you'll likely be able to drive a short-wheelbase model off the lot for about \$27,500, which would put the longer model at close to \$30,000.

The TC Wagon represents a breakthrough of sorts in the minivan field, even if, categorically speaking. Ford would rather you refer to it as something other than a minivan

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↑ Aries

March 21 - April 20

You may have big plans and big expectations but keep a sense of perspective. If you let your enthusiasm race too far ahead, you may make a mistake that slows you right down again. Get the balance right.

Taurus April 21 - May 21

You have what it takes to succeed but there is a touch of doubt in your mind that keeps you from giving your all. What happens today will remind you that doubt can be overcome.

II Gemini May 22 - June 21

You are finding it hard to believe in yourself but it doesn't matter. What counts is that others believe in you, and they do. Take it easy today. You have nothing to prove.

9 Cancer June 22 - July 23

Someone you meet socially will praise you to the skies and tell you what a fine human being you are but your intuition warns they are not to be trusted. It's a trick to lull you into a false sense of security.

$\mathbf{\Omega}$ Leo July 24 - Aug. 23

What you are worrying about is of no importance. Cosmic activity in the most sensitive area of your chart may make it seem as if the world is against you but it's not true.

W Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Someone in a position of power will try to force you to do something you don't agree with today but they won't succeed. Stand your ground and refuse to do anything that does not meet your standards.

△ Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

It's good to be reminded of your limits and what happens over the next 24 hours will stop you in your tracks and balance out a mistake of some kind. Next time, don't go over the top so quickly.

M Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Let your rivals and enemies have the last word today. The yapping they do has very little effect, so why waste your time reacting to it? Save your energy and put it to better use.

プ Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

There is nothing wrong with your plans but some people will find fault with them. Ignore the critics and carry on as you are. That will annoy them far more than if you get involved in a war of words.

り Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20 Someone you have to deal with today won't be in the best of moods but don't let their negativity rub off on you. When they see that their doom and gloom act is having no effect they will give up on it.

≫ Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

According to the planets what other people tell you is "the truth" and what is really the truth are two different things. Take everything you are told today, especially by "experts", with a large pinch of salt.

H Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20

Try not to say anything that might be taken the wrong way by people who have the power to make life tough for you. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

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Across

1. "Best Song by One Direction 5. Cosmetic surgery procedure, commonly 9. Flavour 14. Cleave

- 15. "Walk Like _ __" by The Four Seasons
- 17. E-Mail junk 18. Montreal's Expo 67, for one: 2 wds.

16. Extreme

- 20. Boredom 22. Nautical ropes
- 23. Driver's li'l navigation aid
- 24. Like #48-Down's roof 27. Chew at
- 28. Lone Star State resident
- 31. Dishonour 35. Michael Jackson's second wife, Debbie
- 37. Particular plant
- 39. Guernica artist 41. Skirt feature
- 43. Mr. Anthopoulos, Toronto Blue Jays GM
- 44. Village People hit 46. Furry mammal that can swim
- 47. Baseball base 49. Rock group's blasters
- 51. Chute (Very high waterfall in Quebec)
- 56. Sibling to sis' 59. Equipment
- 60. Refuge
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phies, commonly view 70. Quebec singer Mr.

- 7. Movie sequel installment: 2 wds. 71. Feathered farm 8. Songbook standard: "It's ____ Paper
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- 2. Venomous snake 3. Sidestep
- 4. Send payment 5. Sheriff, for one
- 6. Texting point-of-

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- mac alien
- 11. Male deer 12. Stumble
- 13. Sense organs

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- 21. Recommends strongly 25. Ricochet shot in
- billiards 26. Glorify
- 29. Dismounted 30. __ the wiser
- 31. Sauna site
- 32. To the __ (Fully) 33. Banda (City

- in Sumatra in Indonesia) 34. Men's magazine; or, saying 36. Classic toys company, 38. Always, in verse 40. Locale on Cape Breton Island 42. Ten Commandments receiver 45. Alberta city southeast of Edmonton 48. Toronto Blue Jays home, _ Centre 50. Czech Republic capital 52. Giver's opposite 53. Mythical maiden
- 55. __ Gold (Type of potato) 56. Apartment listing abbr. 57. Leeway 58. According to a-ha, where the sun always shines: 2 wds.

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